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Together with the Report of the
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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1970



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for the year 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the Stone Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

A full representation of the health of the district is given in the following pages and below are some features of the Report.

The population for the Urban District in mid 1970 was 10,380 which is an increase of 70 over 1969.

The number of live births for the year has decreased to 182 - 7 less than in 1969. This gives a live birth rate for the area of 16.7, England and Wales 16.3.

The number of deaths from all causes amounted to 104 - a decrease of 19 from 1969. This gives a death rate for the area of 9.6, England and Wales 11.7. During 1970 6 children in this district died under the age of one year.

It will be seen that the commonest cause of death is heart disease with a total of 42. Cerebrovascular disease (i.e. "strokes") and malignant diseases are next with 18 and 9 deaths respectively.

Motor Accidents: There was 1 fatality during the year.

National Assistance Act: No action was taken under the Act during the year.

The number of infectious diseases notified during the year amounted to 97 cases.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1970

Councillor A. A. Ferrie - Chairman

Councillor D. M. Barker

Councillor J. W. Breeze

Councillor C. J. S. Johnson

Councillor Mrs. G. H. Mercer

Councillor M. J. Moulson

Councillor B. S. Machin

Councillor K. G. Monk

Councillor P. J. Randall

Councillor L. Forester

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS FOR THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

M. L. Burr, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.Obst.R.C.O.G.
(Resigned Decenber, 1970)

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

C. Arthur, M.B., B.Ch.

Senior Public Health Inspector
(also Engineer and Surveyor)

A. Ainley

F.F.S., F.R.S.H., Dip. R.I.P.H.H., C.S.I.B.,
Certified Meat and Food Inspector

Additional Public Health Inspector

M. J. Mawby, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.,
Dip. of Public Health Inspectors Education Board

Clerks

Miss J. E. Challinor

Miss S. M. Hargreaves

A. GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres).....	1,951
Population (General Registrar).....	10,880
Number of inhabited houses and flats.....	3,770
Population density per house.....	2.9
Rateable value.....	£407,691
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£1,600

INDUSTRIES

Boots and Shoes	Electrical Insulators	Interchangeable
Brewing	Industrial Ceramics	laboratory glassware,
Light Industries		Scientific instrumentation
		and moulded plastics

B. PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Domiciliary Nursing and General Practitionery Services.

District Nurses, Midwifery and Health visitor services are provided by the County Council under the administration of the Stafford Area Health Committee. Family doctor services are supplied in the Stone Urban District by seven general practitioners.

Hospital Services.

Out-patients and general hospital services are available at Stafford General Infirmary and the North Staffordshire Hospital Centre. Aged and chronic sick cases are accommodated at Trent Hospital, Stone, for treatment and Part III accommodation under the County Council if required; aged and other persons are accommodated at "Roseneath", under the auspices of the Stafford County Welfare Department.

Yarnfield Hospital, which was formerly the infectious diseases hospital for the district, admits convalescent cases from the Stafford hospital and other hospitals in the region.

When required, cases of infectious diseases are admitted to Bucknall Hospital, Stoke on Trent, and Moxley Hospital, Birmingham.

School Clinics and Welfare Services.

These are held at the St. Michael's Hall, Stone, and the Community Centre, Walton and administered by the Staffordshire County Council.

Clinics are held at the following times:

Infant Welfare Centre, St. Michael's Hall : Weekly Thursday afternoons.
Walton Community Centre : Weekly Wednesday afternoons.
School Clinic, St. Michael's Hall : Fortnightly Thursday mornings.

Programmes of vaccination and immunisation of children and adults against poliomyelitis, whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria and also smallpox are carried out by local general practitioners in their surgeries.

The Staffordshire County Council also maintain specialised clinics where defects of speech, vision and hearing and allied conditions can be treated when these are referred following school medical examinations, and by General Practitioners, Health Visitors and others.

Health Visiting.

Two full time Health Visitors are employed by the County Council for work in the district. The Health Visitors attend all sessions of school and consultant clinics, following up cases as necessary by visits to the home, and also co-operate with the Public Health Department on cases with housing difficulties.

Tuberculosis Services.

A tuberculosis clinic is held at Stafford General Infirmary, to which patients in the Urban District travel. A tuberculosis Health Visitor is employed by the County Council, operating part-time in the area, visiting in the home where appropriate.

Laboratory Service.

Specimens of milk, water and suspected unsound foods are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Stafford for chemical and bacteriological examination.

Ambulance Service.

The ambulance service is provided from Stone Ambulance Station in conjunction with the Stafford Ambulance Station.

Meals on Wheels.

In accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948 (Amended Act 1962), the Stone Urban District Council co-operates with the W.R.V.S. and Messrs. James A. Jobling & Co. Ltd., in operating a meals on wheels service for the aged and infirm. During the year approximately 7,800 meals were delivered by voluntary effort to persons where it was thought that these would be of value. The cost to the recipient is 2½p per meal, the remainder being shared by the Local Authority and the County Council. We are very fortunate in Stone in having meals supplied to us by Messrs. James A. Jobling & Co. Ltd., at an extremely low cost. Our thanks are also due to the W.R.V.S. in being prepared to distribute them for five days a week which is also very unusual.

C.

GENERAL HEALTH IN THE AREA INCLUDING VITAL STATISTICS

These statistics give in the form of tables details of deaths and births and other various rates which are compared with those for England and Wales.

It should be noted that the local rates are based on a relatively small population and therefore subject to wider fluctuations than where larger populations are involved.

It will be seen that measles was prevalent during the second quarter and mumps during the latter part of the year.

<u>Table No. 1.</u>		Live Births		Still Births		Deaths of infants under 1 yr.		Deaths of infants under 4 weeks		Deaths of infants under 1 week	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate		87	88	3	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Illegitimate		3	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		90	92	4	2	-	2	-	2	-	2

Table No. 2

Birth and Death Rate.

Comparability Factors : Births 1.02 Deaths 1.00

	<u>Stone Urban District</u>		<u>England and Wales</u>	
	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Live births per 1,000 population	16.7(182)	17.7(191)	16.0	16.3
Live births per 1,000 population adjusted	17.0	18.1	-	-
Still births per 1,000 live and still births	32 (6)	5 (1)	13	13
Death rate per 1,000 population	9.6 (104)	11.4(123)	11.7	11.9
Death rate per 1,000 population adjusted	8.6	9.1	-	-
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births	11 (2)	-	18	18
Death rate of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births	11 (2)	-	12	12
Death rate of infants under 1 week of age per 1,000 live births	11 (2)	-	11	10
Perinatal mortality (deaths of infants under 1 week of age + stillbirths per 1,000 total births)	43 (8)	5 (1)	23	23

NOTE: Actual numbers shown in brackets.

Table No. 3.

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1970</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1969</u>
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	-	-	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	1	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	-	-	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	1	-	1	2
Diabetes mellitus	-	-	-	1
Anaemias	-	-	-	1
Multiple sclerosis	-	1	1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	2	3	3
Hypertensive disease	2	-	2	2
Ischaemic heart disease	11	12	23	37
Other forms of heart disease	4	10	14	11
Cerebrovascular disease	6	12	18	21
Other diseases of circulatory system	4	1	5	7
Influenza	3	-	3	-
Pneumonia	1	6	7	3
Bronchitis and emphysema	3	4	7	11
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	-	1	3
Cirrhosis of liver	1	-	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	2	2	3
Other diseases of the genito-urinary system	-	2	2	-
Congenital anomalies	1	-	1	2
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	2	2	-
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1	1
All other accidents	-	1	1	2
All other external causes	-	1	1	-
	<u>44</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>123</u>

Table No. 4.

TUBERCULOSIS				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
On Register at 31.12.69	9	4	1	1
New cases notified or transferred in during 1970	1	-	-	-
Death during 1970	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register on transfer out or recovery during 1970	5	2	-	1
Total remaining on Register at 31.12.70	5	2	1	-

Table No. 5.

Number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register for the District
at the end of the last four years

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1966	11	4	-	1	16
1967	11	4	-	1	16
1968	11	4	-	1	16
1969	9	4	1	1	15
1970	5	2	1	-	8

Table No. 6.

INFECTIOUS AND NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious and notifiable diseases sent in by Medical Practitioners during the year 1970.

Disease	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Total 1970	Total 1969
Scarlatina	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	65	32	-	97	81
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia, Acute Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polionyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	4

Table No. 7.

The following table shows the number of actual and suspected cases of infectious diseases reported from schools in the district.

Disease	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	Total 1970	Total 1969
Measles	2	24	16	-	42	42
German Measles	-	2	-	-	2	4
Mumps	3	9	-	15	27	40
Chicken Pox	1	2	-	3	6	1
Shingles	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ringworm	-	-	-	-	-	1
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE, ALABAMA, FOR THE YEAR 1900

NAME	AGE	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
JOHN A. SMITH	45	M	1855	1900
MARY A. SMITH	42	F	1858	1900
WILLIAM A. SMITH	15	M	1885	1900
ELIZABETH A. SMITH	12	F	1888	1900
JAMES A. SMITH	10	M	1890	1900
MARGARET A. SMITH	8	F	1892	1900
CHARLES A. SMITH	6	M	1894	1900
ANNE A. SMITH	4	F	1896	1900
EDWARD A. SMITH	2	M	1898	1900
JOHN A. SMITH	1	M	1900	1900

JOHN A. SMITH, born 1855, died 1900, was the father of the above named children. He was a native of Alabama and was married to MARY A. SMITH, born 1858, died 1900. They had nine children, all of whom are now living. The children are: WILLIAM A. SMITH, born 1885, died 1900; ELIZABETH A. SMITH, born 1888, died 1900; JAMES A. SMITH, born 1890, died 1900; MARGARET A. SMITH, born 1892, died 1900; CHARLES A. SMITH, born 1894, died 1900; ANNE A. SMITH, born 1896, died 1900; EDWARD A. SMITH, born 1898, died 1900; JOHN A. SMITH, born 1900, died 1900.

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REPORT OF THE
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
ON THE
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE AREA

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

The following table summarises the inspections made during the year for all purposes:

	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>Notices Informal</u>	<u>Notices Abated</u>
Dwelling Houses - Repairs	117	23	20
Dwelling Houses - Demolition	9	-	-
Dwelling Houses - Slum Clearance	12	-	-
Improvement Grants	201	-	-
Housing Applications and Overcrowding	178	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	2	-	-
Dangerous Structures	12	1	1
Verminous and Dirty Premises	2	-	-
Drainage and Trade Effluent	300	-	-
Water Supply	9	-	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	86	9	9
Keeping of Animals	4	-	-
Rodent Control	83	-	-
Insect Control	58	-	-
Infectious Diseases	21	-	-
Noise, Odour Control	20	-	-
Pet Animals Act	1	-	-
Factories	12	3	3
Shops Act	14	-	-
Outworkers	-	-	-
Petroleum Storage	74	-	-
Smoke Abatement and Control	50	-	-
Foodshops and Licensed Premises	100	2	1
Dairies, Bakehouses	5	-	-
Butchers Shops	18	2	1
Cafes, Restaurants, Canteens	7	-	-
Ice Cream Premises	17	-	-
Food Condemnation	12	-	-
Meat Inspection	342	-	-
Mobile Food Vehicles	4	1	1
Hairdressers	16	2	2
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	84	10	10
Market Stalls	35	-	-
Interviews and appointments	221	-	-
Miscellaneous	281	-	-
	<u>2,407</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>48</u>

1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Details of soil and storm sewage 1964-1970

Year	Soil sewage treated at Disposal Works Gallons	Storm water treated at Pumping Station Gallons	Total Gallons	Rainfall Inches
1964	201,023,400	15,439,960	216,463,360	26.19
1965	256,317,100	36,248,105	292,565,205	35.04
1966	256,967,700	24,416,380	281,384,080	35.09
1967	213,464,100	14,644,360	228,108,460	31.27
1968	203,166,950	16,098,960	219,265,910	30.51
1969	191,208,650	12,915,010	204,123,660	29.41
* 1970	100,717,488	474,880	101,192,368	28.76

During 1970 there were 180 rainless days.

* COMMENTS: These flows do exclude the period July to the 17th November, 1970 during which time there was no recording apparatus at the Sewage Works due to the extensions. Since November, 1970, all sewage and storm water is pumped to the Sewage Works. The storm figure quoted covers the period April to June, 1970, and was dealt with at the storm tanks at Westbridge Park.

During the year, samples of final effluent discharged from the Sewage Disposal Works to the River Trent have been taken by the Trent River Authority and the County Health Department. On a number of occasions, samples failed to meet the required standard of the Trent River Authority because of the continuing overload at the Works.

Charges for the reception of trade effluent continued to be levied by the Council at 8 premises and during the year a number of samples of trade effluent taken at the various premises indicated in general that the Consent Conditions were being complied with.

Extensions to the Westbridge Park Pumping Station and the Pirehill Sewage Disposal Works have continued through the year.

2. Drainage.

The detailed supervision of all drainage works has been continued in connection with repairs and improvements to existing systems and also of new work.

3. Pail Closets and Septic Tanks.

There are 3 houses with pail closets and 33 houses with septic tanks in the area. The pail closet emptying service was maintained.

4. Water Supply.

The mains water supply for the Urban District is provided by the Staffordshire Potteries Water Board from Longton Road Pumping Station and during the year a satisfactory bacteriological standard has been maintained. 58 samples taken by the Board were satisfactory in all respects, of which 31 were from the Pumping Station and 27 from the supply area.

18 samples were taken for chemical analysis.

9 visits were made to premises in connection with water supply.

New supplies during 1970 - 7 dwellings were connected to the mains. Less complaints were received of discolouration of the water supply than for the year 1969.

5. Refuse Collection.

A regular weekly collection of domestic refuse has been maintained although the difficulty in recruiting and keeping staff for this work due to the attraction of better rates of pay and working conditions in other employment, continued during the year.

Tipping on Site No. 2 at Swynnerton has continued during the year.

Salvage.

The collection and disposal of waste paper, containers and rags has continued. Scrap Iron and other metals are obtained in small quantities and salvaged, but metal containers (cans) are not recovered.

There has been a further reduction in the yield and baling of waste paper and cardboard during the year probably due to the increasing use of plastic and other similar material for wrapping purposes and the fact that fewer of the manual employees appear to be interested in baling paper in their own time for which payment is made.

Salvage Disposal

1st January to 31st December, 1970

	T.	C.	Q.	£	p.
Waste Paper	35	14	0	339.15	
Rags	0	19	0	15.20	
Scrap Iron	2	5	0	13.80	
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	38	18	0	£368.15	
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6.

HOUSING

A small amount of building was in operation during the year, in which 7 dwellings were completed.

9 applications for Standard Improvement Grants and 7 applications for Discretionary Improvement Grants have been made during the year. All applications were approved.

Number of houses erected during the year :-

(1)	By Local Authority	Nil
(2)	By other Local Authorities	Nil
(3)	By private enterprise	4 houses, 3 flats.

		4 houses, 3 flats.
		=====

Number of houses owned by the Council on the 31st December, 1970, built under the provisions of the various Housing Acts:-

Erected during the years 1919 - 1940	-	276 (and remaining in the Council's possession)
Erected during the years 1947 - 1969	-	587
Erected during the year 1970	-	Nil

		863

7. Inspection and Repair of Dwelling Houses.

During the year, 23 informal notices were served for repairs in private houses. The majority of these notices were complied with and the work satisfactorily carried out.

Inspection.

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	117
(b)	Number of re-inspections made for the above purpose	147
2.	Properties demolished or closed in 1970	3
3.	Number of houses remaining in the 5 - 20 years programme :-	
	Category 2	51
	Category 3	49
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Remedy of Defects.

Number of houses repaired, rendered fit or improved in consequence of formal action... ..	-
Number of dwelling houses repaired, rendered fit or improved in consequence of informal action	20
Category 2 owners supplied with schedules of repair	12
Number of dwelling houses rendered fit or improved in consequence of voluntary action by owner	16

8. Demolition of Dwelling Houses.

Number of houses demolished as a result of formal action	3
Number of houses demolished as a result of informal action	-
Number of houses demolished in default	-
Further statutory Demolition Orders served (property to be demolished in the following year)	11
Number of properties included in Compulsory Purchase Orders	-
Closing Orders made under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957	-

9. Overcrowding and Rehousing.

25 housing units became vacant during the year and these were re-allocated under the points system and to tenants from the Slum Clearance Programme.

10. Moveable Dwellings.

There were no caravans etc. in use in the area during the year.

A local Company hires out canal cruising boats for holiday travel and in addition a small number of private pleasure craft make use of the Trent and Mersey Canal during the summer months.

11. Dirty and Verminous Premises.

2 visits were made to dirty houses during the year. Instruction and advice was given to secure their cleansing.

12. Rodent Control.

2 treatments were carried out to the sewer system of the town. Regular treatment of the refuse tip and other surface installations has been carried out.

Details of treatments other than sewers are as shown in the following table.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agri-cultural	All other purposes
<u>Rats.</u>				
Major infestations	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Minor infestations	4	32	Nil	Nil
<u>Mice.</u>				
Major infestations	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Minor infestations	Nil	26	Nil	Nil

13. Pet Animals Act.

One shop licence was renewed for this purpose. No contraventions occurred.

14. Factories.

Number on Register	40
Number of inspections for all purposes	12

It was necessary to serve 3 informal notices during the year and the standard was generally satisfactory.

15. Smoke Abatement.

Continued co-operation by local firms has taken place during the year. Some nuisance occurred at the new boiler plant of Alleyne's School and this was investigated by the County Council and the National Coal Board.

The interest in domestic central heating continues, especially on new estates being built in the district. A smoke control area bounded by the A.34 Trunk Road, Eccleshall Road and Pirchill Lane to the Urban boundary was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, but had to be deferred, due to the shortage of solid smokeless fuels, until April, 1972.

16. Shops Act.

Visits to the shops in the area for late closing have been made.

Inspections of some shops in respect of health and comfort provisions were made. A separate Shops Act Report has been submitted to the Council.

17. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Returns now indicate there to be 128 premises in the District affected by the Act. Re-inspections under the Act have been maintained throughout the year, resulting in 10 informal notices being served and 10 notices being complied with.

During the year the improvement in premises where owners and occupiers have provided facilities for the health and welfare of their staff has been maintained.

During the year one accident was reported which was non-fatal. There were no proceedings for prosecution instituted.

18. Inspections and Supervision of Food Premises.

Meat Inspection.

Regular meat inspection has been maintained in the two licensed slaughterhouses. All animals are inspected as soon as possible after slaughter.

The meat produced from the slaughterhouses is retailed in five private butchers' shops situated within the Urban area. Some meat is also supplied to the adjoining Rural District area.

Meat Inspection (Continued).

The four remaining butchers' shops receive their meat supplies from outside the district.

Meat and offals found unfit	:	12 cwts 2qrs 12 lbs.
Number of animals slaughtered	:	747 cattle, 4 calves, 3,273 sheep, 958 pigs.

Tuberculosis.

1 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 stone 7 lbs. of offal was found to be infected with tuberculosis.

The amount of meat and offals affected with tuberculosis has slightly increased during the year. In the case of cattle the reduction since 1959 has been from 5.1% to nil, but in the case of pigs from 2.47% to 2.09% which shows a slight increase over last year.

All condemned meat and offals surrendered from the two slaughterhouses have been removed for disposal in accordance with the Meat (Sterilization) Regulations, 1969.

Details of carcasses and ofal inspected
and condemned in whole or in part are shown in the following table

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	747	4	3,273	958	-
Number inspected	747	4	3,273	958	-
<u>All diseased except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :-</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	1	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	304	1	290	100	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	41.90%	25.00%	8.89%	10.51%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only :-</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	20	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	2.09%	-
<u>Cysticercus Bovis :-</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Cysticercus Bovis	0.13%	-	-	-	-

19. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered for sale and/or
manufacture of ice cream at 31st December, 1970 ... 34

Number of the above actually selling ice cream ... 31

4 premises were registered during the year. 4 samples of ice cream were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

20. Preserved Food etc.

Number of premises registered for the manufacture
of sausages and preserved food 7

No new premises were registered during the year.

21. Milk.

During the year the County Authority have taken the following samples in this area :-

Samples for bacteriological examination 118

Samples for biological test for Brucella Abortus 10

112 samples submitted for bacteriological examination were satisfactory. 1 failed the Methylene blue test. 5 samples tested for Brucella Abortus were negative and five samples were positive.

22. Inspection of Food Handling Premises.

Frequent routine visits have been made to all food premises, with particular regard to food hygiene. 7 notices were served to implement the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations. Most shops selling food of a perishable nature have installed frozen food cabinets (display) etc., and in general a good standard of food hygiene is observed.

23. Inspection of Food (excluding Meat at Slaughterhouses).

The following are the total amounts of food other than meat at slaughterhouses, voluntary surrender of which has been accepted:-

Imported Meat, Canned Meat and Meat Products 49 lbs. 10 ozs

Other Foods 651 lbs. 13 ozs

There has been a reduction in the amount of meat products found to be unsound but an increase in other foods found to be unfit. This has been mainly due to the break-down of refrigeration equipment at various shop premises.

There has also been an increase in the amount of pre-packed foodstuffs found to be unfit and this is thought to be due in some cases to failure by some retailers to ensure proper rotation of stocks. Manufacturers could greatly assist by marking wrappers or packages with packing dates clearly visible to both staffs and customers.
